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In The Claims

Please replace claims 3-5, 7-11, 13-14, 16, 20, 23, 25-27, 29 and 31 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment. Please cancel claims 18, 21, 22 and 30.

Claims 3 and 4 are original patent claims and they are presented as amended relative to the original patent specification and claims, including bracketing and underlining as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(d)(1) and (2) and MPEP § 1453.

Claims 5, 7-11, 13-14, 16, 20, 23, 25-27, 29 and 31 are new claims (i.e., claims not found in the patent, that were previously presented in the reissue application), and thus are represented "containing the amendatory material, and completely underlining the claim." MPEP § 1453. Accordingly, the changes are pointed out in the "Remarks" portion of the amendment and the support for these changes is explained. 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c) and MPEP § 1453.

3. (Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control and;

a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and a longitudinally extending track, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of said visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of the guide in a sliding engagement whereby upon moving said visor body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide, said track further including a first [vertical] wall extending from, and perpendicular to said surface of said visor body, a second [vertical] wall extending from, and perpendicular to said surface of said visor body, said second [vertical] wall being spaced from, and parallel to said first [vertical] wall, and a [horizontal] third wall substantially parallel to said surface of said visor body, said

[horizontal] third wall extending between said first and second walls and being spaced from said surface of said visor body such that said passage is formed therebetween, said [horizontal] third wall including a partially longitudinally extending slot.

4. (Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

C1 a rod assembly including a longitudinally extending rod, a torque control pivotally attached to said rod, and a guide fixed to one surface of said torque control; and

a visor body including a longitudinally extending bore for receiving said rod, and a longitudinally extending track, said track forming a substantially enclosed longitudinally extending passage adjacent one surface of the visor body, said passage being shaped to receive a portion of the guide in a sliding engagement whereby upon moving said body longitudinally along said rod, said track slides relative to said guide, said guide further including a first leg coupled to said torque [controls] control, a second leg, and a cross bar joining said first leg to said second leg, such that said legs are spaced and parallel to one another, wherein upon assembly said second leg is received within said passage and said cross bar extends through a slot formed within said track.

5. (Amended) A sliding sun visor assembly comprising:

a rod assembly including:

a longitudinally extending rod;


a torque control having a first pivotal attachment to said rod, and

a guide fixed to said torque control, the guide having a pair of opposing legs;

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a visor body including:

a structure projecting therefrom that at least partially circumscribes said rod and defines a second pivotal attachment to said rod, wherein at least one of said pivotal attachments is slidably engaged to said rod, and



a longitudinally extending track shaped to cooperate within the pair of opposing legs of said guide, said track slides relative to said guide allowing said visor body to move longitudinally with respect to the rod.

7. (Amended) The visor of claim 6, wherein the track and the second pivotal attachment are fixed with respect to the visor body, such that linear movement of the track with respect to the guide is generally equivalent to corresponding linear movement of the second pivotal attachment with respect to the rod.




8. (Amended) The visor of claim 5, wherein said track includes at least one wall that projects from said visor body.

9. (Amended) The visor of claim 8, wherein a lowermost portion of said guide is U-shaped for cooperating with said projecting wall of said track.

10. (Amended) The visor of claim 8, wherein the pair of opposing legs are adapted to slidably receive said wall that projects from said visor body therebetween.

11. (Amended) The visor of claim 8, wherein said wall extends from a ridge of said track of said visor body.



13. (Amended) The visor of claim 5, wherein a portion of said visor body associated with and proximate to said second pivotal attachment limits the longitudinal movement of said visor body by contact with said first pivotal attachment.

14. (Amended) The visor of claim 5, wherein a portion of said visor body associated with and proximate to said second pivotal attachment defines a limit to a longitudinal range of movement of said visor body along said rod by contacting the torque control component at a first end of said longitudinal range of movement.

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16. (Amended) A sliding sun visor comprising:
a longitudinally extending rod;
a torque control component having a first pivotal attachment to the rod;
a guide fixed to said torque control, the guide having a pair of opposing legs;
a visor body having a second pivotal attachment with the rod, the second pivotal attachment being substantially coaxial with the first pivotal attachment, wherein at least one of said pivotal attachments is slidably engaged with said rod allowing longitudinal movement of at least a portion of the visor body with respect to said rod; and

a longitudinally extending track interconnecting the opposing legs of the guide and the visor body in sliding engagement parallel to the longitudinal rod such that the torque control maintains a rotational position of the torque control with respect to the rod, and consequently maintains rotational positions of the track, the visor body and the second pivotal attachment with respect to the rod, said track allowing a longitudinal distance between the first and second pivotal attachments to vary with longitudinal movement of said visor body.

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20. (Amended) The visor of claim 16, wherein the torque control component includes a torque control and a guide having a U-shaped lowermost portion extending therefrom for cooperating with said track.

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23. (Amended) The visor of claim 20, wherein the track includes a projection adapted to be received between said legs for sliding engagement therewith.

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25. (Amended) The visor of claim 20, wherein said visor is assembled by sliding the opposing legs of said guide onto said track from a distal end of said track.

26. (Amended) The visor of claim 16, wherein a portion of said visor body proximate to said second pivotal attachment limits a longitudinal range of movement of said visor body along said rod by contacting the torque control component.

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27. (Amended) The visor of claim 26, wherein the portion of said visor body proximate to said second pivotal attachment includes a projection to assist in limiting said longitudinal range of movement of said visor body along said rod by contacting the torque control component.

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29. (Amended) A sliding sun visor comprising:
a longitudinally extending rod;
a torque control having a first pivotal attachment to the rod, said first pivotal attachment being substantially coaxial with said longitudinal rod;
a guide fixed to and extending from said torque control, said guide including a pair of opposing legs extending therefrom;
a visor body having a second pivotal attachment slidably engaged with said rod allowing said visor body to slide axially with respect to said rod, said second pivotal attachment projecting from said visor body and substantially coaxial with said rod; said visor body also including a longitudinally extending track slidably engaged between said opposing legs of said guide, said track allowing a longitudinal distance between said first and second pivotal attachments to vary with movement of said visor body while maintaining a rotational position of said second pivotal attachment with respect to the rod substantially equal to a rotational position of said first pivotal attachment with respect to the rod.

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31. (Amended) A sun visor assembly comprising:
a longitudinally extending rod including an elbow formed therein;
a first member pivotally attached to said rod in a non-slidable manner and including a pair of opposing legs extending therefrom; and
a sliding member with a pivotal attachment to said rod, said pivotal attachment slidable along said rod between said first member and said elbow, said sliding member including a rail to cooperate in sliding engagement with said opposing legs of said first member to maintain a consistent rotational position of both said first member and said sliding member

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with respect to said rod.
